## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

John D. Pruitt et al.

Title:

SOLID DOSAGE FORMS COMPRISING PULLULAN

Appl. No.:

10/705,227

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## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

Enclosed is:

[X] Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR 1.114 (13 pgs.).

## The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as		Previously		Extra Claims		Rate		
RCE Fee 1.17(e):	Amended		Paid For	Pre	esent		\$810.00	=	Fee Totals \$810.00
Total Claims:	33	-	57	= 0		x	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	5	= 0		x	\$220.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	f any	/ Multiple [	Depende	nt Claims:	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	E TOTAL:	=	\$810.00

## [X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	0	\$0.00			
Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00		\$490.00			
Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00		\$0.00			
Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00		\$0.00			
Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00		\$0.00			
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:						
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -						
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL						
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:						
Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½	of above):	•	\$0.00			
[ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)						
TO	TAL FEE:		\$1300.00			
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The above-identified fees of \$1300.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment,

to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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